

*Wyandanch High School Student Lasheca Lewis will be one of only 72 students across the country to attend House Page Program*

Wyandanch, NY – On Thursday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) joined members of the Wyandanch community for a sendoff celebration of a Wyandanch High School junior selected to participate in the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program in Washington, DC. The highly competitive program brings high school students to Washington, DC where they serve as support staff for the U.S. House of Representatives while also attending the House Page School. Students must be sponsored by a Member of Congress and only 72 students from across the country will be selected to participate in the summer session.

“I am deeply proud to be able to appoint Lasheca Lewis to the House of Representatives Page Program. In her application essay Lasheca wrote, ‘I come from nothing, but in a few years from now I am going to be something very big.’ She wants to achieve the same level of greatness as Thurgood Marshall and Sonia Sotomayor and I have no doubt that she will succeed. Lasheca has faced unimaginable challenges, but despite everything she has excelled at school and in her community. I am certain that she will also excel as part of the Congressional Page Program. Lasheca also told me that she wants to be in Congress one day. I just hope she decides to run after I’ve left office because I know she’ll be successful at anything she works hard for,” said Rep. Israel.

Lasheca first learned about the Page Program several years ago when a former Page told her about his experience in Washington, DC. After that discussion, she was determined to participate in the program. She is active in student groups at school, has a job and is involved in her community.

Lasheca will begin her term as a House Page on July 11, 2010 and leaves for Washington on Sunday.